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Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-19, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-19 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A demonstration was planned for the Peace Bridge today; no delays are reported on the QEW.
- A review of social media and public encrypted messaging channels shows the majority of posts remained focused on ongoing events in Ottawa.
- Leo LUCIER is likely attending the rally at 1400 hours at Windsor Riverfront.
- Weather and poor road conditions may have been a contribution factor to lower participant numbers

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

Several vehicles were able to assemble along the Niagara River Parkway this morning and gather under the Peace Bridge (Figure1).ⁱ

Personal Info.

Possible protest starting in Fort Erie [#FreedomConvoy](#)



Figure 1: Twitter post referencing vehicles assembling along the Niagara River Parkway, Fort Erie.

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Vehicles began assembling at the Husky Truck Stop on York Rd in Niagara-on-the-Lake early this afternoon. One social media user estimated at least 100 vehicles were present,ⁱⁱ but this is unconfirmed. Just after 1300 hours, the vehicles left the truck stop in a convoy. At time of writing, the QEW remains open. Local residents in Fort Erie report seeing roads closed by police in anticipation of demonstrations, but no delays are reported as of yet.

Personal
Info

Replying to Personal

At least 100 vehicles lining up in formation



12:53 PM · Feb 19, 2022 · Twitter for Android

Figure 2: Twitter post referencing vehicles assembling at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Husky Truck Stop.

Information received from a member attending the Husky Station earlier today noted 5 vehicles adorned with the typical flags and some signage that have become synonymous with convoy participants.

Parked nearby was a fully marked OPP vehicle with visibility of the group. The member noted that by 1425 hours the vehicles had departed the Husky gas station, as had the marked OPP vehicle.ⁱⁱⁱ

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

No posts of concern were located regarding any planned activity at the Ambassador Bridge or Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Most online discussion was directed at protests in Ottawa.

As of 1330 hours, **Personal**,^v was currently live streaming on Facebook at a protest in what appeared to be a downtown area.^v OS reporting from 2022-02-18 at 2000 hours stated that **Personal** posted live in Ottawa and headed for Windsor.

On a previous live stream posted by **Personal**, one Facebook user, **Personal Info.**^{vi}, commented, "Hey **Pers**..Are you coming back for 2 PM ?". **Personal** replied, "I'm here", "In Windsor" (Figure 3).^{vii} The user likely was referring to the rally in Windsor. **Personal** was a noted protestor during the Ambassador Bridge protests^{viii} and it is likely he will be attending the rally at 1400 hours at the Windsor Riverfront.



Figure 3: Facebook comment on **Personal** livestream

SARNIA

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

Uncorroborated information was received that a flash demonstration will be held at the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA) today. Open source searches are being conducted to confirm this and further information will be provided in the 2000 hours report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

As significant law enforcement actions continue in Ottawa at this time, live query support is continuing for posted activities that might change their location from Ottawa to the POEs. As an example, several convoys are heading to Ottawa from other provinces (Nova Scotia contingent may be heading to Ottawa 2022-02-22) As current police activity is regulating and restricting travel around the NCR, such convoys may join other existing protests or target a strategic location with high visibility/ impact and low policing response.^{ix}

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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ⁱ [U] Twitter post from [Personal Info.] accessed 2022-02-19

ⁱⁱ [U] Twitter post from [Personal Info.] 195094302904627213, accessed 2022-02-19

ⁱⁱⁱ [Pro A] email 2022-02-19 3:51 PM "Protest Staging at Husky NOTL" Cpl. John Marin

^{iv} [U] Facebook User ID 100011459095333

^v [U] Facebook.com/profile/php?id=100011459095333, accessed 2022-02-19

^{vi} [U] Facebook User ID 100009313201292

vii [U] Facebook.com/profile/php?id=100011459095333, accessed 2022-02-19

viii [Prot A] Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-13, 2000hrs, CIP 2022-6038-IB

ix [Pro A] email 2022-02-19 9:37 a.m. from Steven Kennedy "NS Convoy possibly still going to Ottawa"